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Applicant:	Robert Veilleux et al.	Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.:	09/836,310	Group Art Unit: 3635
Filed:	April 17, 2001	Docket: 186.011US1
Title:	A STRUCTURAL WOODEN JOIST	

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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A Notice of Abandonment dated January 13, 2006 (copy enclosed) for the above-identified patent application was received by our office on January 18, 2006. The Notice alleges that Applicants failed to timely file a proper reply to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed on June 24, 2005.

Applicants respectfully disagree. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that the “clean version of the amended specification is missing.” Applicants are **not required** to provide a clean copy of an amended paragraph of a specification.

In a telephone conversation with Examiner Nguyen on July 25, 2005, it was agreed that the Notice of Non-Compliant was mailed in error. To confirm our phone conversation, Examiner Nguyen sent a communication to Applicants stating “This communication is informed that the Non-Compliant Notice was mailed on 6/24/2005 was a mistake. And the case is now ready for examination.” (copy enclosed).

On July 25, 2005, Applicants faxed to Examiner Nguyen a “Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment”, (copy enclosed).

Therefore, Applicants have timely filed the response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the holding of abandonment.

It is believed that there is no action or omission by Applicants to support a holding that the above-identified application was or is abandoned. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the abandonment holding be withdrawn and prosecution resumed as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

It is Applicants' understanding that no fee is required for a petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment. (See MPEP 711.03(c)), and therefore no fee is enclosed. However, if a fee is required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT VEILLEUX ET AL.

By their Representatives,

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By

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 24 June 2005.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

No paper had been filed since the Notice of Non-Compliance was mailed on 6/24/2005.

OPH
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Chi Q. Nguyen

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 24, 2005.

In a telephone discussion with Examiner Nguyen on July 25, 2005, the Examiner agreed that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on June 24, 2005 was mailed in error. The Examiner emailed a copy of a letter (copy enclosed) to Applicant's attorney, Timothy B. Clise, on July 25, 2005 stating that "This communication is informed that the Non-Compliant Notice was mailed on 06/24/2005 was a mistake. And the case is now ready for examination." Accordingly, the examiner withdrew the Notice and is now ready to examine the application.

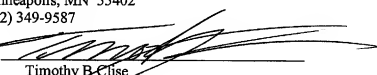
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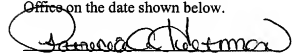
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The amendment document filed on 4/29/05 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☒ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☒ C. Other the clean version of the amended specification is missing.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☐ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☐ E. Other: _____.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflver.pdf>.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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